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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER BISTA TO VISIT INDIA

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED APRIL 10 THAT PRIME MINISTER KIRTI NIDHI BISTA WILL PAY A FRIENDLY VISIT TO INDIA APRIL 15 - 25 AT THE INVITATION OF PRIME MINISTER DESAI. THEN PRIME MINISTER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. BISTA, FOREIGN SECRETARY BHATT, AND OTHER OFFICIALS. DURING HIS STAY IN INDIA HE WILL BE VISITING NEW DELHI, TAMIL NADU, KERALA, WESLJBENGAL AND BIHAR.

2. COMMENT: THE VISIT IS IN RETURN FOR DESAI'S VISIT TO NEPAL IN DECEMBER 1977. WITH THE RECENT CONCLUSION OF NEW TRADE AND TRANSIT TREATIES, AN AGREEMENT ON DEFLECTION OF TRADE, AS WELL AS SUBSEQUENT MEASURES TAKEN BY NEPAL TO MODIFY CERTAIN PRACTICES, SUCH AS THE EXPORT BONUS SCHEME, WHICH INDIANS HAD COMPLAINED OF, THE NUMBER OF FRONT BURMER ISSUES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IS SMALLER THAN AT ANY TIME IN RECENT YEARS. BISTA'S VISIT IS THEREFORE EXPECTED TO BE LARGELY CEREMONIAL. HOWEVER, IT WILL ALLOW OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSIONS OF RECENTLY-ANNOUNCED GON CHANGES IN COUNTRY'S TRADING SYSTEM (KATHMANDU 1790), REGIONAL WATERS DEVELOPMENT AT LEAST IN BILATERAL CONTEXT, AND VISIT TO BIHAR WILL PRESUMABLY GIVE BISTA CHANCE TO MEET
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LOCAL OFFICIALS IN A STATE WHOSE ACTIVITIES IMPINGE RATHER CLOSELY ON NEPAL IN VARIOUS WAYS.
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